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SUBJECT: OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: STEERING GROUP TO
PREPARE THE 1979 CONFERENCE ON NOISE ABATEMENT POLICIES

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SECRETARIAT:
QUOTE: "THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE PROPOSED THAT A CONFERENCE
ON NOISE ABATEMENT POLICIES BE HELD IN 1979. THIS
PROPOSAL HAS NOW BEEN ENDORSED BY THE COUNCIL. THE
PURPOSE OF SUCH A CONFERENCE IS TO BRING TOGETHER
NATIONAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES CONCERNED WITH THE DEVE-
LOPMENT OF NOISE ABATEMENT POLICIES AND WITH THEIR
PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION. THE CONFERENCE WILL DEAL
WITH THE MAJOR SOURCES OF NOISE, EXCLUDING THOSE OF
THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT. THE OBJECTIVES OF THE
CONFERENCE WILL BE:

(I) TO ASSESS THE ACTIONS WHICH WILL HAVE BEEN TAKEN
AS A RESULT OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON
NOISE ABATEMENT POLICIES IN 1977 (SEE ENV(78)1) AND IN
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RELATION TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNCIL (STILL IN
DRAFT FORM), SEE ENV (78)2 - BOTH THESE DOCUMENTS WILL
BE ISSUED SHORTLY;

(II) TO PROPOSE POLICIES AND ACTIONS WHICH COULD IMPROVE
THE ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING REGULATIONS AIMED AT
REDUCING NOISE LEVELS;

(III) TO ASSESS THE ECONOMICS OF NOISE (COSTS OF NOISE ABATEMENT, COMPENSATION AND NOISE CHARGES) IN ORDER TO HELP PUBLIC AUTHORITIES - BOTH CENTRAL AND LOCAL - TO ADOPT THE MOST REALISTIC AND EFFICIENT MEASURES FOR NOISE ABATEMENT;

(IV) TO RECOMMEND ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL HARMONISATION OF NOISE ABATEMENT POLICIES.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1979; PREPARATORY WORK WILL START IN SPRING 1978. THIS PREPARATORY WORK WILL BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF A SMALL STEERING GROUP COMPRISING GOVERNMENT NOMINATED EXPERTS FAMILIAR WITH THE FORMULATION OF NOISE ABATEMENT POLICIES AND MEASURES AND THEIR PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION AT BOTH NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS.

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD INFORM ME WHETHER YOUR COUNTRY WISHES TO NOMINATE AN EXPERT TO THE STEERING GROUP. IF SO, I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE NAME OF YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE, IF POSSIBLE BEFORE 1ST APRIL, AS THE STEERING GROUP WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING ON 19TH AND 20 THE JUNE 1978. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT THE NUMBER OF PERSONS FORMING THIS GROUP BE LIMITED IN ORDER TO SIMPLIFY AND

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EXPEDITE THE PREPARATORY WORK. CONSEQUENTLY, IF YOUR COUNTRY WISHES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STEERING GROUP, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU COULD LIMIT YOUR DELEGATION TO ONE PERSON. END QUOTE

2. AGENDA, BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS, AND INFORMATION REGARDING OTHER COUNTRY PARTICIPATION WILL BE FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

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